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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Koethen Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 10 April 1952

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Between 1 and 3 p.m. on 18 March 1952, there was individual flying by Yak-11s at Koethen airfield. Some planes had white propeller hubs. Individual swept-back jet fighters practiced local flying on 19 March between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on 20 March from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The aircraft had their landing gears extended. On 22 March, there was no flying in rainy weather. Between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. on 24 March, it was raining, and the visibility was poor. Three swept-back jet fighters were parked at the take-off point and five swept-back jet fighters were in front of the hangars in the northeastern section of the field. At 11 p.m., three individual swept-back jet fighters flying behind each other at intervals of a few minutes crossed Koethen. About noon on 25 March, a Yak-11 circled the field during snow flurries and rain showers. On 26 March, local flights were made by a Yak-11 between noon and 1 p.m. and by individual swept-back jet fighters between 1 and 5 p.m. After noon on 27 March, swept-back jet fighters individually circled the field. Beginning at 5 p.m., there was local flying by a Yak-11. Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 27 March, individual swept-back jet fighters practiced flying over the field.

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- \* [REDACTED] Comment. The report confirms that jet aircraft are still stationed at Koethen airfield. The field is occupied by a new fighter regiment and an unidentified unit, probably a ground attack unit about to commence training with jet aircraft. The units are equipped with MIG-15s and some Yak-11s. Since 19 January 1952, 95 new MIG-15s in crates arrived from the U.S.S.R. for the CAGs of the two units. Therefore it must be assumed that the new fighter regiment has been brought up to its authorized strength of MIG-15s. The reason why fifty MIG-15s arrived for the unidentified unit cannot be explained. It is possible that some of the new aircraft were distributed from Koethen to other units.

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